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In re Patent Application of:  
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Application No.: 10/029,316

Art Unit: 1651

Filed: December 20, 2001

Examiner: F. Prats

For: ISOLATION OF CAROTENOID CRYSTALS  
FROM MICROBIAL BIOMASS

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated February 3, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to this action is due on or before May 3, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection. The following amendment and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

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